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E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: TSPA
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR NASA BUSES BY DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
MADAGASCAR (DRM)

REFS: (A) ANTANANARIVO 0843, (B) ANTANANARIVO 0975

1. FOLLOWING NOTE RECEIVED JUNE 7 FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY:

"...PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND, IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITIES OF THE MOMENT, REQUESTS IT URGENTLY (INSTAMMENT) TO BE SO KIND AS TO PLACE THE BUSES (CARS) OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, SUPPLY, AND TOURSIM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING STUDENTS BETWEEN THE 67 HECTARES (SIC) AND THE UNIVERSITY. ... (COMPLIMENTUDY CLOSE)."

2. WE HAVE LEARNED INDIRECTLY THAT THIS REQUEST APPLIES SPECIFICALLY TO THE TWO NASA BUSES PRESENTLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS FROM ANTANANARIVO, (REFTELS) AND NOT NECESSARILY TO THE VANS IN THE RESIDENCE PARKING LOT. THESE BUSES ARE IN OPERATING CONDITION. THE VANS DEFINITELY ARE NOT.

3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MALAGASY GOVERNMENT IS REQUISITIONING TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT
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THE COUNTRY AND FROM PRIVATE FIRMS PENDING ARRIVAL OF SOME NEW BUSES ORDERED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. I RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIESCE RIGHT AWAY IN THIS REQUEST, SPECIFYING THAT THESE TWO BUSES ARE BEING PUT TEMPORARILY AT DISPOSAL OF DRM, THAT LATTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE, AND THAT THIS STEP

IN NO WAY PREJUDICES EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT OF NASA
PROPERTY QUESTION. MY REASONS ARE THAT (A) DRM CAN TAKE
THE BUSSES AT ANY TIME IT WISHES WITHOUT OUR AUTHORIZATION,
(B) A DELAY IN A POSITIVE ANSWER WILL HAVE SAME ILL EFFECT
AS A REFUSAL, AND (C) TEMPORARY USE OF THESE BUSSES MIGHT
STIMULATE DRM INTO MORE FORTHCOMING POSITION AND FASTER
ACTION ON NASA SETTLEMENT IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE OTHER NASA
ASSETS.

5. I ALSO RECOMMEND EARLY ACTION ON MY SUGGESTIONS
REGARDING VANS AT RESIDENCE (REFTELS). THOSE ARE THE
VEHICLES I REALLY WANT TO GET RID OF.

6. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY.BARRETT

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